HUMPHREY.

"The Mummers
at Mrs Yeobright's Party.
from "The Return of the Native"

Humphrey.

Grandfer . . . . . by the side of you, Mister Blynn.

Humphrey (in a low rich tone of admiration) Nor any o' us.

Grandfer . Thousand pities you didn't see one in Town!

Humphy Still, they do say that ghosts do show themselves once in a way, Some have been seen lately too. Very strange ones.

Edwin . . . . . Humphrey? oo, no,— don't tell me!

Humphrey I don't half believe in spirits myself. But I think it ghostly enough — what I was told, 'Twas a little boy that did 'em.

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Christian What was they like? —— no don't ——

Humphrey Ghosts wi' swords and helmets, Yes, most ghosts be in sheets, but these were as if they had been clothed in fighting gear.

Fanning Where have they been seen?

Humphrey Not exactly here; but in this same heth. But 'tisn't a thing to talk about

Knocking at Door, Enter Father Christmas & Mummers in turn.

Humphrey Why - Here's the mummers! — 'Tis the very ghosts we were talking about.

Chorus Yes ——— just as you said 'em. Humphrey

Humphrey (smiling) I didn't say I said 'em. I said a little boy said 'em!

as Mummers are sitting down to Supper

Tawny Well, they be as well ..... What say you Humphrey, Eh?

Humphy You're right there Timothy, but times be altering, nothing's like it used to be.